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There could be no effectual deal—All Corruption Not Yet Uncovered—Much Work Remains to be Done—Will Meet Again This Week.

Albany, Jan. 1.—Senator Lexow, chairman of the New York police investigating committee, was questioned today concerning Dr. Parkhurst's criticisms on the work of the committee. The senator gave out the following:

"It is strange, indeed, that when the crucial point was reached and Byrnes was on the stand, as everybody knew he would be, last Saturday, nothing was suggested that was not done; and yet this criticism."

"Mr. Moss throughout the entire examination stood at Mr. Goff's side and co-operated in the conduct of the inquiry. Obviously it is unnecessary to add anything to this."

"I have too high a regard for Dr. Parkhurst to believe that he is actuated by any but the highest and purest motives in what he has done. As to a 'deal,' it is plain that he could not be effectual unless through the co-operation of a majority of the committee acting in conjunction with all the counsel. The statement of this proposition is the best refutation of the charge. Let any one suggest a question that was not put, a charge that was not made, an indictment that was not brought—anything, in short, that was omitted—before they criticize. To my mind the meat of the statement is in the declaration that the committee has not uncovered all the corruption, and that there still remains work for the Society for the Prevention of Crime to do. I wish them Godspeed in the good work." (Signed)

CLARENCE LEXOW.

Mr. Lexow said his committee would meet some day this week, probably tomorrow. The committee's report, which is to be presented to the senate, will not be ready for ten days or two weeks.

GOVERNOR PATTISON'S MESSAGE.

He Recommends More Stringent Legislation in Labor Matters.

Harrisburg, Jan. 1.—In his biennial message to the legislature Governor Pattison says that during the past two years, despite some depression in business and in the operation of our commercial and manufacturing industries, there have been steady advancement and abundant occasion for thanksgiving to a beneficent Providence. Our population has increased in numbers, the great estates of religion and education have grown and strengthened, the people of the commonwealth have been visited by no special scourge nor overwhelming calamity; charity and benevolence have been unabated; our fields have yielded bountiful harvests, and there has been measurable, if not entire, recovery in our great industrial cities. The ladies returned to the city this and of profitable return to investment.

The governor shows that the net debt of the state is \$20,044,652, and says that in a few years it will be totally extinguished. He recommends the passage of laws which shall remove inequalities of taxation, and that gas and electric companies be specifically restored to the corporations liable to state tax.

The abolition of fees and the payment of fixed salaries to certain state officials is urged, as is also an amendment to the law providing for the determination of election contests by the courts. The governor suggests that the business of life insurance should be surrounded with additional safeguards for the protection of the public.

He praises the efficiency of the state banking department and recommends a number of amendments to the bank law. He says that building and loan associations should be made subject to state supervision. The governor commends certain suggestions in the report of the superintendent of schools looking to improvement of the public school system. He speaks of the national progress made by the national guard and of the vigorous proceedings taken by the department in the cases of insolvent insurance companies and unscrupulous beneficiaries.

Referring to labor troubles in the state, Governor Pattison says: "Bitter experience has often taught both employer and employee the unprofitableness of strikes, lock-outs and every form of forcible collision and passionate dispute between labor and capital. Co-operation and arbitration, therefore, seem to be methods of avoiding or of settling conflicts which both would ardently seek."

The governor recommends more stringent legislation to prevent discrimination by common carriers in favor of some and against other patrons, and of the importance of constructing good roads.

The governor also touches upon many other topics of interest to the people of the state.

More Resignations Tendered.

New York, Jan. 1.—Park Commissioner Clausen and Excise Commissioner Bushe to-day tendered their resignations to Mayor Strong.

Death List Increases.

Albany, Jan. 1.—The list of fatalities in the Delevan house fire remains the same as reported last night. This morning Kate Crowley, one of the servants thought to have been burned, turned up, but another, Mary Fitzgibbons, is to-day missing and it is believed that she met her death in the fire. This makes the death list seven.

Home for the Friendless.

The monthly meeting of the board of managers of the Home for the Friendless will be held at 3 p. m. to-day in the Trinity parish building, No. 100 Temple street.

TO SETTLE DIFFICULTIES.

Five Democratic Aldermen Have a Stormy Meeting.

Five democratic aldermen held a caucus last evening for the purpose of settling difficulties. They were Aldermen Weil, Moore, Moran, Connor and Alderman-elect Kinney. Each alderman had a candidate for a commission and the conference broke up in a row. The aldermen will hardly come to an agreement in time for caucus and Alderman Shanley, chairman of the caucus, will not call it to-night. He will go out of town for a week, imitating the example of Alderman Leary and he will wait for harmony.

How it will be brought about no one knows. At present the aldermen can agree upon nothing for any commission. It is stated and truly so that the five were willing to sacrifice everything for Clancy, but that will not do, Alderman Moore, it is said, may break all bounds and go into deals by which he will become commissioner.

In this connection the announcement is made that ex-Councilman Frank S. Bishop is after Charles T. Coyle's place. Coyle is a democrat and so is Bishop. How it will come out no one knows.

ROYALLY ENTERTAINED.

Mr. Stephen H. Moore and Wife Entertain a Host of Friends.

Mr. Stephen H. Moore, the well known Chapel street florist, together with his most estimable wife, kept open house last evening at their cozy home, 831 Grand avenue, and royally entertained a large number of their friends. They were assisted in entertaining the many guests who called by Miss Molly Powers, a well known young lady, and who was the life of the occasion. All left wishing the host and hostess many more years of happiness.

SEVEN PERSONS INJURED.

A Building Wrecked by the Explosion of Sewer Gas.

Chicago, Jan. 1.—A building was wrecked and several people badly injured here this evening by an explosion of sewer gas. The cover was blown off a man-hole at Harrison street and Fifth avenue, and the concussion which followed could be heard several blocks away. The Lincoln hotel, a five story tenement house, its front walls were badly cracked, windows and floors were twisted out of their places and the structure looks as if it had passed through a severe earthquake. Mr. Stafford and his wife, proprietors of the building, were sitting in a front room on the second floor and say they were thrown several feet away. A heavy safe on the second floor was thrown from an improvised foundation to the floor.

The injured: Timothy Gary, Jacob Cohen, John Clark, Terry Vansky, Henry Worthington, George Hartly and Patrick Ryan.

Gary was a bar-tender in a saloon on the first floor. He was blown ten feet and badly bruised. Cohen was walking in the street. His head was badly crushed, and he was taken to the hospital together with Vansky, who was also on the sidewalk and was hit by a flying stone.

The other men were in the building, and were painfully, though not seriously injured. The pavement for twenty feet around the man-hole was torn up.

ALL THREE KILLED.

A Most Shocking Accident at a Railroad Crossing.

Keene, N. H., Jan. 1.—One of the most shocking railroad accidents that has occurred in years occurred to-night.

As the 6:03 train on the Fitchburg road was coming in a sleigh containing Charles Brooks, aged sixty, and his daughter Ada, aged twenty-five, and Tennis Bergerson, a boy of fifteen, attempted to cross the tracks at the Water street crossing when the engine struck the sleigh squarely, throwing it and its occupants nearly 100 feet, killing all three instantly, although the horse escaped. Mr. Brooks recently moved here from Sullivan, and was building a new house on Wilbur street. His daughter was employed in Lancaster's shoe factory.

It is said that this is the third of the Bergerson family killed on a railroad. The bodies were all badly mangled, and were taken to Woodbury & Howard's undertaking rooms.

Extending Its Lines.

Denver, Col., Jan. 1.—The Adams Express company, which for the first time appears in the Rocky Mountain country as an independent company, opened quarters here to-day. The Adams from this point is to operate over the Burlington and Pennsylvania systems.

Was Fatally Burned.

Lynn, Mass., Jan. 1.—Mrs. Mattie Oakes, aged forty, who rented a room and lived alone on Buffum street, was fatally burned this afternoon. She was seen to rush from the house with her clothing on fire by two men, who succeeded finally in putting out the flames, but not until everything was burned from her person except her shoes. She suffered terribly, but did not lose consciousness and aided the physicians all in her power after being taken to the hospital. She lived but a few hours. She stated that being subject to fainting spells she had probably fallen upon and overturned her gasoline stove during one of them.

Double Murder and Suicide.

Bay City, Mich., Jan. 1.—The new year was ushered in here with a double murder and suicide, the victims being Mrs. Cora Trombley and her eight-months-old baby. The murderer was Daniel J. Trombley, the woman's husband.

OPPOSED TO THE REPORT!

COMMISSIONER GILHULY WANTED COMMITTEE DISCHARGED.

Stenographer's Bill for Investigating Committee Caused Much Discussion—Two New Officers Appointed—Changes in the Rules Proposed.

Mayor Hendrick failed to put in an appearance at the meeting of the police commissioners last evening, and in consequence Commissioner Hunn presided. Ex-City Clerk James B. Martin was present and introduced his successor, Richard F. Lyon, to the members of the board, after which he withdrew and the new city clerk commenced his duties as clerk of the board.

The first business taken up was the approval of the monthly bills, and these all went through with a rush except two. These were bills introduced by the investigating committee. One of these bills was for \$497.38 for the services of stenographer Cogswell, and another for \$11.17 for Sergeant Cowley's expenses in going to New York for evidence in connection with the work of the committee.

When these bills were reached Commissioner Gilhuly strenuously opposed their approval. He said that in his opinion any such bills were an imposition on the tax payers of the city, and that for that reason he should object to them. He also claimed that the committee had no authority to incur bills amounting to over \$500, and then foster them upon the taxpayers. He further stated that the work was illegal and entirely beyond the powers of the committee, and that under these circumstances the bills should not be paid.

Commissioner Clancy took an entirely different view of the situation, and claimed that when the special investigating committee was created by the members of the board of police commissioners it was given power to act, and consequently the bills incurred must be paid. At this point Commissioner Poronto moved that the entire matter be referred to the city board of finance, and it was so ordered by a vote of 5 to 1. Commissioner Gilhuly alone voting in the negative.

Later in the evening the report of the investigating committee, submitted at the last meeting of the board, came up for acceptance, and was the cause of another discussion, but finally accepted, and the recommendations adopted. When the matter was brought before the board Commissioner Poronto moved that the report be accepted and the recommendations adopted. This was promptly seconded by Commissioner Prince, assistant Gilhuly opposed the acceptance of the report, and moved as there was a vacancy on the committee (Mayor Sargent) that it be discharged.

Commissioner Clancy stated that he thought the members of the board should have the evidence laid before them so that they might have an opportunity to introduce evidence in rebuttal. However, he said if the committee was thorough with its labors he would vote to accept the report.

Commissioner Prince replied that the committee was not thorough with its work. After a short further discussion Commissioners Gilhuly and Clancy apparently decided to withdraw their objections, and the report was unanimously adopted.

Commissioner Hunn introduced a resolution amending the rules of the department so that thereafter patrolmen shall receive pay while in the discharge of perilous duty only. The resolution also provides that patrolmen shall receive full pay for only thirty days and half pay after that time, and that under no circumstances will doctor's bills be paid for patrolmen. Under the rules this resolution was laid on the table for action next meeting.

Superintendents John B. Roach and Matthew Powers were on motion of Commissioners Clancy and Hunn detailed for permanent duty and assigned to station No. 3. Patrolman Henry J. Hoffman of station No. 3 was transferred to headquarters. The latter was also allowed pay for twenty-six days lost time in consequence of injuries received while making an arrest.

Patrolmen Longan and McKoon of station No. 2 were reported to the board for not complying with the rules requiring patrolmen to report at the desk to the officer in charge when coming in off the street, and were each fined one day's pay. The alleged offense took place Monday night, when the officers came in on their 10:30 o'clock report.

The members decided to hold a special meeting next Tuesday night, when superintendents will be appointed and probably retirements made.

SOCIETY OF THE CINCINNATI.

The State Organization Convenes in This City This Afternoon—Officers Elected.

The Connecticut Society of the Cincinnati held a special meeting at the New Haven house yesterday afternoon. The following officers were elected: President, Colonel George B. Sanford, U. S. A.; vice president, George H. L. Abbott, U. S. A.; treasurer, James B. Metcalf, N. Y.; assistant treasurer, Charles B. Gilbert, New Haven; secretary, Hon. Morris W. Seymour, Bridgeport; assistant secretary, Hon. Charles Isham, N. Y.; chaplain, Rev. A. N. Lewis, New Haven; delegates to general society, Colonel George B. Sanford, W. S. Judd, James B. Metcalf, and William P. Glenney. The next meeting of the society will be held on July 4.

Hamilton Fish Elected.

Albany, Jan. 1.—At the republican caucus to-night Hamilton Fish was nominated on the first ballot for speaker of the assembly, receiving 73 votes. Mr. Maltby received 22 and Mr. Ainsworth 6.

MANY NEW YEARS EVENTS.

Receptions by Governor Morris, Chairman Macdonald, John C. North and Others at the League—At the Young Men's Republican Club—Many Other Festal Occasions.

A most enjoyable reception was held by Governor and Mrs. Morris last evening at their residence on Prospect street. Their home was beautifully decorated with palms, tropical plants and cut flowers. The reception was from 4 to 6 in the afternoon and from 8 to 11 in the evening. Among the guests present were Governor-elect Coffin and wife, ex-Governor Ingersoll, Lieutenant Governor Cady, Judge Beardsley of Bridgeport, ex-Mayor Hyde of Hartford, ex-Lieutenant Governor Hyde of Hartford, ex-Mayor Sargent, Mr. Paul Gail of St. Paul, Minn., President Dwight of Yale, Professors Verrill, Brewer and Wells, Henry C. Rowe, Prof. Hadley and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Mitchell of South Britain, George L. Fox, H. C. White, C. M. Pratt of Brooklyn, Dr. R. T. Morris, and the members of the governor's staff.

CHAIRMAN MACDONALD.

Chairman James H. Macdonald of the Republican town committee and wife received their legion of friends at their elegant new residence on Norton street last evening from 8 to 11. The residence was beautifully decorated with palms, cut flowers, potted plants and smilax. Around the veranda was hung Chinese lanterns. During the hours of the reception there was a steady stream of callers, including about all the leading republicans in the city. During the evening an elegant banquet was served.

The ushers were John J. Walsh, W. F. Murphy and E. A. Street. Among those present were Mayor Hendrick, City Auditor B. E. Brown, City Clerk Richard F. Lyon, Assistant City Clerk E. A. Street, City Sheriff Rollin J. Bunce, ex-Alderman A. Maxcy Hillier, Alderman Sabin, ex-Alderman William E. Morgan, Alderman-elect Hamilton, ex-Alderman J. M. Crampton, Councilman J. D. Dewell, jr., Hon. N. D. Sperry, Judge Studley, Isaac M. Ullman, Alderman-elect Lambert, Fire Commissioner Stannard, Alderman-elect Parish, ex-Councilman C. M. Fabrique, ex-Councilman Charles F. Levere, Senator-elect Lyman H. Johnson, Herbert E. Benton, President Frederick Farnsworth of the State Young Men's Republican clubs, Town Agent Robert E. Baldwin, Selectman Ludington, Frederick L. Averill, Dr. W. L. Burdick, D. P. Burdick, John Hull, Attorney W. H. Ely, Richard H. Tynes, P. R. Brown, P. A. Carleton, Samuel Well, Frederick H. Waldron, H. S. Hamilton.

EX-COUNCILMAN NORTH.

John C. North received the members of the retiring board of councilmen, of which he was president, at his new residence on Chapel street, formerly the Matthews house, last evening. A large number of members called during the evening, and many other friends.

Y. M. REPUBLICAN CLUB.

The Young Men's Republican club received its friends yesterday afternoon and evening. A fine luncheon was served and it was noticeably free from row. The club received Governor-elect Coffin, Mayor Hendrick, Congressman N. D. Sperry, Town Agent Baldwin, Selectman Stahl, Brown and Ludington, City Clerk Lyon, Major B. E. Brown, Professor Beers, Assistant City Clerk Edward Street, Commissioners L. H. Johnson, James Bishop, Francis Hunn, John H. Platt, C. E. Prince and other prominent republicans. Among others were Thomas H. Sullivan and John J. Kennedy, formerly manager of the Branford Lock works. A Maxcy Hillier was very kind to the visitors and Fred H. Perry assisted him. Mr. Hillier did not allow the reputation of the Young Men's Republican club for generosity to be tarnished.

At the Republican league many friends called. All the prominent republicans of the city were present during the day. Professor Chandler, chairman of the house committee, received the guests and introduced all to the tempting spread in the dining room. All those who attended the Young Men's Republican club reception attended this. All those members of the league were present during the afternoon and evening.

AT THE LEAGUE.

At the Republican league parlors hundreds called, including a great many of the well known republicans of the city. A fine luncheon was served.

BARRACASSA'S RECEPTION.

The thirteenth annual New Year's reception of Grand Canton Baccassus No. 1, P. M., I. O. O. F., was held in their rooms yesterday afternoon. A fine musical program was rendered from an excellent music box by Mr. I. Eich.

In the evening the society held a ball in old Union armory, the following being the committees:

Executive committee—Captain William Gibson, chairman; Captain F. E. Todd, Major F. E. Brett, Lieutenant L. S. Manville, Chevalier George D. Stevens, Chevalier P. G. Nicolari, Lieutenant H. E. Clark and W. Frank Clark.

Floor committee—H. E. Clark, director; J. W. Scobie, C. W. Robinson, W. J. Scobie, F. T. Smith, J. J. Gibson and P. G. Nicolari.

Among those present were: Major Brett and wife, Captain Todd and wife, Colonel P. Terhune, Horace Clark, Mr. and Mrs. John P. Lockyer, Mrs. John Hinman, Mrs. Herbert Hubbard, Mr. and Mrs. Albert Bradley, Mrs. Baker, Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Lindsey, James Gibson, George Gibson, Miss Mary Nicolari, Miss Julia Nicolari, Captain T. B. Lockyer, Captain G. H. Lockyer, Mr. and Mrs. William Howey, Mrs. Isaac Taylor, Mr. John Eggleston, Mr. M. T. Payne, Mr. F. J. Lockyer, Mr. and Mrs. William Goode, Miss Todd, Mr. and Mrs. George Clark of Milford, W. Frank Peckham, and Mr. Charles Crittenden.

OUTRAGED AND BUTCHERED

HORRIBLE CRIMES PERPETRATED ON THE ARMENIANS.

Women and Girls Confined in a Church and There Violated by Soldiers After Which They Were Murdered—Blood Flowed in Streams From the Church Door.

Boston, Jan. 1.—Letters have been received by well known parties in this city from reliable sources in Turkey giving still further testimony regarding the outrages in eastern Turkey. The following letter comes from a city not a great distance from the scene of the outrages. The writer of the letter is a man in whom the highest confidence can be placed, who has spent more than a third of a century in that region, and knows the country and people perfectly. This testimony is from a source which is entirely independent of any which has been given before. Later accounts increase, if possible, the horrors of what has taken place.

The letter just received is as follows: The Armenians, oppressed by Kurds and Turks, said they could not pay taxes to both Kurds and government. Plundered and oppressed by the Kurds they resisted them; there were some killed. Then false reports were sent to Constantinople that the Armenians were in arms, in rebellion. Orders were sent to the Mushir at Erzingan to exterminate them, root and branch. The order read before the army, collected in haste from all the chief cities in eastern Turkey, was:

"Whoever spares man, woman and child is disloyal."

The region was surrounded by soldiers of the army, and 20,000 Kurds also are said to have been massed there. Then they advanced upon the center, driving in the people like a flock of sheep, and continued thus to advance for days. No quarter was given, no mercy shown. Men, women and children were shot down or butchered like sheep. Prohibited when they were set upon in this way some tried to save their lives and resisted in self defense, and who could, fled in all directions, but the majority were slain. The most probable estimate is 15,000 killed, thirty-five villages plundered, razed and burned. Women were outraged and then butchered. A priest was taken to the roof of his church and hacked to pieces, and set on fire.

A large number of women and girls collected in a church were kept for days, violated by the brutal soldiers and then murdered. It is said that the number was so large that the blood flowed out of the church door. The soldiers contented over a beautiful girl; they wanted to preserve her, but she, too, was killed. Every effort is being made and will be made to falsify the facts and pull the wool over the eyes of European governments. But the bloody tale will finally be known, the most horrible, it seems to me, that the nineteenth century has ever known.

As a confirmation of the report, the other day several hundred soldiers were returning from the seat of war and at a village near us one was heard to say that he alone with his own hands had killed thirty pregnant women. Some who seem to have some shame for their atrocious deeds say: "What could we do, we were under orders."

In consequence of the meetings of Armenians in Boston held in Friendship hall last Sunday evening the following cable was sent to-day:

"Hon. W. E. Gladstone, London: The Armenians of Boston thank you for your sympathy and aid."

The Armenians of this city feel that the diplomats of Europe will never take interest in the affairs of their countrymen until it is shown that every act in their favor is keenly appreciated, and they take this means of expressing their sincere gratitude for the stand taken by Gladstone in his speech last week.

He is New Mayor Strong.

New York, Jan. 1.—Mr. Strong was inducted into the office of mayor of New York to-day. The ceremonies attending the incoming of the new administration were without incident.

Governor Giddings' Lecture.

Hon. J. Wright Giddings will lecture in the People's course at the Grand avenue Congregational church Thursday evening. The pastor, Rev. J. Lee Mitchell, in a notice to Governor Giddings recently published says: "Giddings possesses the boundless magnetism that absorbs from the beginning. We might as well own to the truth, we want a lecture to 'pay,' and to do that we must have a man who will attract people. Senator Giddings' whole history is the history of the people's man. Barely does so strong and thorough a character possess this faculty of winsomeness at the same time. If you are in mourning and don't want to laugh don't go to hear him. If you want to think in the same old rut, don't go to hear him. If you are liable to get excited, don't go to hear him. If you have not a strong hold upon your own opinions, don't go to hear him, or you will be a ditto Giddings when he is through."

Will Take Her Final Vows.

Philadelphia, Jan. 1.—On Wednesday week Mother Katherine Drexel will make her final vows as a religious in the community which she founded for the special work of evangelizing the Indians and negroes. Archbishop Ryan will officiate at the solemn service which will take place at the convent of the Blessed Sacrament, near this city. Mother Katherine is a daughter of the late Francis A. Drexel, of the great banking house of Drexel & Co.

DELIGHTFUL SOCIAL EVENT.

Their First At Home Since Their Betrothal Recently.

Many callers filled the parlors yesterday afternoon at the home of F. Lyman, 512 State street, where his daughter, Flora E., and Alexander Levy of Philadelphia held their first at-home since their recently announced betrothal.

The happy couple received their friends under a floral arch in an alcove completely lined with palms and cacti, the work of the decorators, S. H. Moore & Co. Mantels and stands were covered with cut flowers in bouquets and baskets, the gifts of friends. Plants hid walls and corners and festooned the chandeliers.

In one room long tables held the many tokens from friends. Fine linen and lace, cut glass, rare china and silverware, valuable bric-a-brac and ornaments showed the popularity of the two young people.

Also receiving congratulations were Mrs. Levy of Philadelphia, mother of Mr. Levy; Mrs. J. Myer, Mrs. E. Lyons and Mrs. Adams, near relatives, assisted by Misses Lillie Frank, Mollie Steiner, Ray Wertheimer of Brooklyn and Ida Marcus, Messrs. Fred Myers and E. Lyons of New York.

Among the callers were Mr. and Mrs. H. Machol, Mr. and Mrs. J. Gagenholmer, Mr. and Mrs. Max Adler, Mr. and Mrs. C. Well, Mr. and Mrs. M. Zunder, Mr. and Mrs. D. Zunder, Mr. and Mrs. S. Loeb, Mr. and Mrs. Al Marcus, Mr. and Mrs. L. Well, the Misses Ida Kahn, Minna Mann, Ray Wolfe, Theresa Bretfeldt, Clara Hyman, Fannie Rogowski, Jennie Well, Ray Linde, Messrs. R. Steiner, A. Thalheimer, W. Myers, J. Johnson, A. Rosenthal, N. Fisher and many others.

HANDSOMELY ENTERTAINED.

The Choir Boys of Trinity Church.

The choir boys of Trinity church were handsomely entertained Monday evening in the parish building by way of celebrating the departure of the old year. After a rehearsal they were received by Mrs. G. F. Mersick and Mrs. Honey and games were played. They then passed into the supper room, where the table was daintily spread with good things. A vote of thanks to the ladies who gave the entertainment was proposed by Mr. James Todd and unanimously passed. The cheers which followed it might have been heard on the green, so heartily were they given.

A PLEASANT EVENT.

In Old East Haven at Mr. Joseph F. Schappa's.

One of the largest parties ever given in East Haven was given Monday evening at the residence of Joseph F. Schappa, 102 James street. There were over 150 people present. Music, recitation, singing and dancing helped to pass the old year out and the new year in. At 1 o'clock supper was served on the third floor, the two lower floors of his large being filled with guests. Among the recitations given was one composed for the occasion by Mr. Schappa and read most happily by his little seven-year-old son, Joseph F. Schappa. It was as follows:

Good evening friends; we've met before,

So to make it pleasant we will strive

To close the year of ninety-four

And start the year of ninety-five.

So let us then be of good cheer,

In fortune's favor may we thrive;

So I wish you all a happy New Year,

And every day of ninety-five.

A LARGE GATHERING.

New Year's at Welcome Hall—A Bountiful Treat.

There was a large gathering at Welcome hall yesterday, and a great number of people partook of the bountiful collation prepared by the ladies of the W. C. T. U. A fine program was rendered, and it was a most enjoyable day. Rev. Dr. Massey made a very urgent appeal to the men, and was followed by Mr. Skinner and Mr. Bremner, a reform man. Rev. Dr. Scofield also made an address. Mr. Jerome Downs, president of the County W. C. T. U., also spoke, and Mrs. Steele and Mrs. Langdale. Mrs. Hutchinson presided. There were several piano duets, and Miss Minnie Gray very effectively recited, "Pardoned." Miss Lottie Reynolds and Mr. Reynolds gave a number of selections which were much enjoyed. Mrs. F. W. Cone had charge of the music, and sang several beautiful selections, which were much enjoyed. Miss Minnie Kay delighted the audience, as usual, by two charming recitations, one of which was composed by Mrs. Cone. Many thanks are due to those who so kindly gave up the day to help fill out the program.

GOOD SEATS LEFT YET.

For the Stoddard Course of Lectures.

"Save us from our friends," is what Burditt & North always feel like saying after a Stoddard ticket sale has begun. These friends often tell those whom they meet about the wonderfully successful sale, and give the impression that every seat is sold. The sale now in progress has never been surpassed, but the good seats, though going rapidly, are by no means exhausted.

Corroborating Diamonds.

Mr. Charles Davis, who has played the character of "Alvin Jostin" in the show by that name for seventeen years has a collection of diamonds which might well be a king. Each stone has a history which in itself would almost make a novel. Mr. Davis tells a story of a farmer who had witnessed his performance and waiting at the stage entrance declared he had a good mind to go into the show business himself if he could make stones like these. The complete set is valued at \$100,000.

MADE MANY APPOINTMENTS.

TOWN AGENT BALDWIN HAS ANNOT CE HIS ASSISTANTS.

John F. Gaffey Will Succeed Superintendent Sanford at Springdale Home—Colonel Bohan Had to Go—Financial Clerk Groark Retained for the Present.

At the meeting of the board of selectmen last evening the republican axe fell and all the democratic officeholders in the town agent's office were removed, except Financial Clerk Owen C. Groark. All the selectmen were present and Chairman Stahl presided.

It was at the very close of the meeting, after all the routine business had been transacted, that Town Agent Baldwin pulled a memorandum book from his vest pocket and in reply to a question from Chairman Stahl as to whether there was any further business, said: "I move that John F. Gaffey be appointed superintendent at Springdale Home at a salary of \$1,500 per annum. That is the same salary we paid last year."

The motion was promptly seconded by Selectman Brown and put by Chairman Stahl. The vote resulted in the motion receiving four affirmative votes and three negatives. The republican members of the board, Baldwin, Ludington, Stahl and Brown voted solidly, in favor of the motion and the democratic members, Forbes, Cunningham and Bretschneider, against it.

On motion of Town Agent Baldwin, Mrs. John F. Gaffey was by a like vote appointed matron at Springdale Home at a salary of \$400 per annum. This is the same salary as now paid. Both appointments, it is understood, will take effect immediately.

Fred L. Perry, who is a prominent official of the Young Men's Republican club, was next appointed assistant clerk in the town agent's office at a salary of \$1,000 per annum. He will succeed John L. Maher, the present democratic incumbent, who has been receiving \$1,400 per annum.

The next removal was that of Colonel William Bohan, who has been janitor of the town portion of the city hall for over twenty years. For this he has been receiving a salary of \$1,000 per annum. His successor will be ex-Councilman Arthur M. Beebe of the Second ward, who will receive a compensation of \$900 per annum.

The next appointment was that of roadmaster and before this appointment was made there was quite a spirited conversation between Town Agent Baldwin and Selectman Cunningham. The town agent recommended the appointment of Edward J. Harrington at a salary of \$18 per week. "Do I understand that you mean to increase the salary of the roadmaster," inquired Selectman Cunningham.

"No, we certainly do not," replied Town Agent Baldwin. "We are going to have one roadmaster at a salary of \$18 per week instead of two at a salary of \$15 per week each."

"Well, when was Roadmaster Carrigan discharged? Didn't you discharge him last Saturday night?" queried Selectman Cunningham. "And yet last year you claimed that matters of this kind should be brought before the full board for action."

"I did meet Mr. Carrigan Saturday and told him that there would be no work for him after that night. That there would be nothing to do Monday or Tuesday and Wednesday morning there would be a new roadmaster in his place," replied Town Agent Baldwin.

After a few more remarks by Selectman Cunningham on the matter the appointment was unanimously made, the democratic members of the board refraining from voting.

Tax Collector Francis G. Anthony appeared before the board and wanted to know at what time his duties as collector of town taxes commenced. The question has never been decided heretofore and so the matter was referred to the town counsel for an opinion.

The bonds of Town Constable David J. Shields were approved and the application of Jeremiah Splain and H. B. Lenahan for appointment to take military enrollment were placed on file and the board adjourned.

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